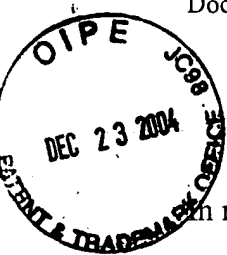


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In re Application of
Richard K. HOOFARD, *et al.*

Group No.: 3671

Serial No. 10/648,402

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2004, having a two-month shortened statutory period of response set to expire October 26, 2004 (the drawings objections were only given two months to respond). A two-month extension of time is requested herein and payment of the extension fee of \$450.00 is included.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.